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Michael C. Liu, District Ranger
Methow Valley Ranger District
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Winthrop, Washington 98862

Re: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) comments for the Pack and Saddle Stock
Outfitter-Guide Special Use Permit Issuance Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS). EPA
Project Number: 05-034-AFS.

Dear Mr. Liu:

We have reviewed the above referenced FEIS in accordance with our responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Section 309 of the Clean Air Act.

In our November 16, 2010 comments on the Draft EIS, we expressed support for the proposed mitigation measures.¹ We continue to support these measures because we agree that they will help to reduce effects of outfitter-guide camps on wilderness character, sensitive plants, vegetation, wildlife habitat, water quality, aquatic habitat and soil. We encourage the Forest Service's adoption of these mitigation measures as standard practice for pack and saddle stock outfitter-guides.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment and if you have any questions or concerns please contact me at (3206) 553-1601 or by electronic mail at reichgott.christine@epa.gov, or you may contact Erik Peterson of my staff at (206) 553-6382 or by electronic mail at peterson.erik@epa.gov

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Christine B. Reichgott".

Christine B. Reichgott, Manager
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¹ Listed in the FEIS from page 2-19 to 2-26